



MAY 22nd



On this day in...

2008: Heavy rain from thunderstorms was produced by a very cold and unstable storm from the north. Several debris flows occurred. In the Santiago burn area of eastern Orange County, extensive damage was done to homes and businesses. In rural northeast Moreno Valley, 28



One of the most active weather days in Southern California history occurred in 2008 during a month of usually benign weather. This day was highlighted by several tornadoes near Moreno Valley, one of which was among California's all time strongest.

residences were flooded and damaged. Minor damage occurred in the Witch Creek burn area around Ramona. Snowfall of several inches hit the mountains, even as low as 5000 feet elevation. Thunderstorms deposited several inches of hail from Redlands to Perris. Several reports of nickel size hail in Moreno Valley and dime size hail in Murrieta. Snowplows were called to clear the hail. Awnings,

trees and vehicles were damaged. Four tornadoes touched down near Moreno Valley. **One tornado was rated EF-2, which was the strongest California tornado since the Sunnyvale tornado in 1998, and was on the ground for an exceptional 21 minutes.** Nine railroad cars were derailed. A semi truck was lifted 30-40 feet in the air and severely injured the driver. Damage was done to roofs,

trailers and sheds.

1921: 1.19 inches of rain fell in Santa Ana, the greatest daily amount on record for May. Interestingly, no measurable rain had fallen on this date from 1933 to 2006 (when 0.70 inch fell).